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1. TWO FURTHER CONTRASTING NOTES ON SYG WALDHEIM'S PROSPECTS FOR REAPPOINTMENT REFLECT ACTIVITY IN RUMOR MILL WITHIN LAST FEW DAYS. SECRETARIAT SOURCES REPORT THAT PRC PERM REP HUANG HUA HAS INFORMED UNGA PRESIDENT AMER-ASINGHE THAT IN CHINESE VIEW HOLDING ELECTION FOR SYG BEFORE DECEMBER WOULD BE QUOTE UNDIGNIFIED HASTE UNQUOTE.

2. ON A DIFFERENT LINE, HOWEVER, DURING EC-9 LUNCHEON FOR GOVERNOR SCRANTON OCTOBER 14, FRG PERM REP VON WECHMAR TOLD POLCOUNS THAT LATE OCTOBER 13 WALDHEIM HAD APPROACHED HIM PRIVATELY DURING A SOCIAL FUNCTION AND EXPRESSED A DESIRE TO MOVE SOON TOWARD FORMAL ACTION IN SECURITY COUNCIL -- IN LIGHT OF OVERWHELMING SUPPORT SYG HAD RECEIVED FROM MANY QUARTERS. HE SUGGESTED TO VON WECHMAR THAT, IF AGREEABLE, HE MIGHT APPROACH UNSC PRESIDENT AKHUND ON HIS OWN ACCOUNT -- WITHOUT REFERENCE TO ANY CONVERSATION WITH WALDHEIM -- TO URGE EARLY ACTION IN SC. VON WECHMAR SAID HE PROBABLY WOULD CHECK WITH AKHUND, BUT HE HAD NO CONFIDENCE THAT THIS KIND OF ACTION WOULD INFLUENCE TIMING OF SC DEBATE. HE
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REFERRED TO RUMORS OF A DELAY IN PROCESS, WHICH HE ALSO

HAD PICKED UP FROM SEVERAL SOURCES.
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